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March 4, 2009

Ms. Karen Johnson, Chief
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Region III, 1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health has discussed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the necessity for the development of a regulatory standard for C-8 (as that term is used for both ammonium perfluorooctonate and perfluorooctanoic acid). The emissions from the DuPont Washington Works facility and human exposures resulting from the emissions in Wood County are currently regulated by a Consent Order agreed to by our agency and DuPont in November 2001. The drinking water supplies near the Washington Works facility are also covered under the Order of Consent issued on November 17, 2006 (Docket Number SDWA-03-2007-0039-DS).

Due to the complex nature of the toxicology involved with human exposure to C-8 and the challenges associated with scientific studies of C-8, the State of West Virginia has relied upon the expertise and resources of the EPA to review and evaluate the potential risks to human health presented by exposure to C-8. The State of West Virginia is relying on the EPA to establish a Site Specific Action Level for C-8 in drinking water that reduces exposure to residents in the vicinity of the Washington Works facility.

As discussed between our agency and the EPA, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources requests that the EPA take requisite action to make the necessary revisions to the November 17, 2006 Order.

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We appreciate the continued support and cooperation of the EPA in the regulation of C-8. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write or call Walter Ivey, P.E., Director, Environmental Engineering Division, Office of Environmental Health Services, Capitol and Washington Streets, 1 Davis Square, Suite 200, Charleston, West Virginia 25301-1798, telephone 304-558-2981.

Sincerely,


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